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Love

Love المَحبَّة

Love is Kinship

المَوَدَّةُ قَرابَةٌ

1- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): المَودَّةُ قَرابَةٌ مُسْتَفادَةٌ

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Love is acquired kinship.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 97]

2- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): القَرابَةُ إلى المَودَّةِ أحْوَجُ مِنالمَودَّةِ إلى القَرابَةِ

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Love does not need kinship so much as kinship needs love.'[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 308]

That Which Brings About Love

ما يورِثُ المَحَبَّةَ

3- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السَّلامُ): ثلاثٌ يُوجِبْنَ المَحبَّةَ: حُسنُ الخُلقِ ، وحُسنُ الرِّفقِ ، والتَّواضُعُ

3– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Three things bring about love: good temperament, kindness, and humbleness.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4684]

4ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ثلاثةٌ تُورِثُ المَحبَّةَ: الدِّينُ ، والتَّواضُعُ، والبَذْلُ

4– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Three things bring about love: piety, humbleness, and generosity.’[Tuhaf al-’Uqul, no. 316]

Those Who Must Not Be Endeared

مَن لا يَنبَغي مَوَدَّتُهُ

5ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لا تَمْنَحَنَّ وُدَّكَ مَن لا وَفاءَ لَهُ

5– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Love for the commoners [in society] breaks up like the breaking up of clouds, and dissolves like the dissolving of the mirage.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9872]

6ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أسْرَعُ المَوَدّاتِ انْقِطاعاً مَوَدّاتُ الأشْرارِ

6– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The friendships that are the quickest to break are the friendships made with evildoers.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 3124]

7ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إيّاكَ أنْ تُحِبَّ أعْداءَ اللّهِ، أوتُصْفِيَ وُدَّكَ لغَيرِ أولياءِ اللّهِ ، فإنّ مَن أحَبَّ قَوماً حُشِرَ مَعَهُم.

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Beware of loving the enemies of Allah, or of harbouring affection for other than the friends of Allah, for verily man will be resurrected with those whom he loves.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 2703]

The Blindness of Love [from Perceiving the Truth]

حَيلُولَةُ الحُبِّ عَنِ المَعرِفَةَ

8ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): حُبُّكَ للشَّيْء يُعْمي و يُصِمُّ

8– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Your love for a particular thing makes you blind and deaf.’[‘Awali al-La’ali, v. 1, p. 290, no. 149]

9ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): عَينُ المُحِبّ عَمِيَةٌ عنمَعايِبِ المَحبوبِ، وأُذُنُه صَمّاءُ عَن قُبْحِ مَساوِيهِ.

9– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘The lover’s eye is blind to the defects of the beloved, and his ear is deaf to the ugliness of his misdeeds.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 9872]

The Sign of Love

عَلاَمَةُ الحُبِّ

10ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن أحَبَّكَ نَهاكَ.

10– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘He who loves you forbids you [from committing sin].’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 7718]

11ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن أحَبَّ شيئاً لَهِجَ بذِكْرِهِ.

11– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘He who loves something constantly mentions it.’[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 7851]

The Believers’ Intense Love for Allah

شِدَّةُ حُبِّ المُؤمِنينَ للهِ

12ـ الإمامُ الحسينُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ في الدعاء المنسوب إليه ـ: أنتَ الّذي أزَلْتَ الأغْيارَ عن قُلوبِ أحِبّائكَ حتّى لَم يُحِبّوا سِواكَ... ماذا وَجَدَ مَن فَقَدَكَ؟! وما الّذي فَقَد مَن وَجَدكَ؟! لَقد خابَ مَنرَضِيَ دُونَكَ بَدَلاً.

12– Imam al-Husayn (a.s.) said in one of his supplications, ‘It is You Who removed the strangers from the hearts of Your lovers so that they never love other than You… What does the one who loses You find [besides You]?! And what does the one who finds You lose [out on]?! He indeed fails who is satisfied with a substitute for You.’[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 98, p. 226, no. 3]

13ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): لا يَمْحضُ رجُلٌ الإيمانَ باللّهِ حتّى يكونَ اللّهُ أحَبَّ إلَيهِ مِن نَفْسِهِ وأبيهِ وأُمِّهِ ووُلْدِهِ وأهْلِهِ ومالِهِ ومِن النّاسِ كُلِّهِم.

13– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Man’s faith in Allah will not be pure until Allah becomes more beloved to

him than his own self, his father, his mother, his children, his wife, his wealth, and all people.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 70, p. 25, no. 25]

14ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): القلبُ حَرَمُ اللّهِ ، فلا تُسْكِنْ حَرَمَ اللّهِ غَيرَ اللّهِ .

14- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The heart is the sanctuary of Allah, so do not lodge other than Allah in Allah's sanctuary.'[Jami al-Akhbar, p. 518, no. 1468]

15ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): الحُبُّ أفْضَلُ مِن الخَوفِ .

15- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Love [of Allah] is better than fear [of Him].'[al-Kafi, v. 8, p. 129, no. 98]

That which Brings About the Love of Allah

ما يورِثُ حُبَّ اللّهِ

16ـ في حديثِ المِعراجِ: يامحمّدُ ، وَجَبتْ مَحَبَّتي للمُتَحابّينَ فِيَّ ، ووَجَبتْ مَحَبَّتي للمُتَعاطِفينَ فِيَّ ، ووَجَبتْ مَحَبَّتي للمُتَواصِلينَ فِيَّ، ووَجَبتْ مَحَبَّتي للمُتَوكِّلينَ عَلَيَّ ، ولَيس لمَحَبَّتي عَلَمٌ ولا غايَةٌ ولا نِهايَةٌ ، وكُلَّما رَفَعْتُ لَهُم عَلَماً وَضَعْتُ لَهُم عَلَماً .

16- It is related in the tradition of the Prophet (S)'s Ascension, 'O Muhammad, My love is due to those who love each other for My sake, and My love is due to those who are kind to each other for My sake, and My love is due to those who maintain communication with each other for My sake, and My love is due to those who trust Me, and there is no ensign, end or culmination to My love, and whenever I raise an ensign for them I lower another ensign for them.'[Irshad al-QulUb, no. 199]

17ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): قالَ اللّهُ تبارَكَ وتعالى: ما تَحبَّبَ إليَّ عبدي بأحَبَّ مِمّا افْتَرَضتُ عليهِ.

17- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Allah, Mighty and Exalted, says, 'The servant endears himself to Me by no better means than what I have made obligatory upon him.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 82, no. 5]

18ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إذا تَخَلّى المؤمنُ مِن الدُّنيا سَما ووَجَدَ حَلاوَةَ حُبِّ اللّهِ ، وكانَ عندَ أهلِ الدُّنيا كأنَّهُ قد خُولِطَ ، وإنَّما خالَطَ القَومَ حَلاوَةُ حُبِّ اللّهِ فلَم يَشْتَغلوا بغَيرِهِ.

18- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'When the believer abandons this world, he is elevated and finds the

sweet taste of Allah's love; he appears to the people of this world as if he is confounded in his mind, whereas truly it is they who have confounded the sweetness of Allah's love such that they do not occupy themselves with other than Him.'[al-Kafi, p. 130, no. 1]

Those Whom Allah Loves

الَّذينَ يُحِبُّهُمُ اللّهُ

19ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): إنَّ اللّهَ يُحِبُّ الحَيِيَّ الحَليمَ العَفيفَ المُتَعفِّفَ

19- The Prophet (S) said, 'Indeed Allah loves the bashful, clement, chaste and virtuous servant.'[al-Kafi, v. 2, p. 112, no. 8]

20ـ الإمامُ زينُ العابدينَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنَّ اللّهَ يُحِبُّ كُلَّ قَلبٍ حَزينٍ ، ويُحِبُّ كُلَّ عبدٍ شَكورٍ

20- Imam Zayn al-Abidin (a.s.) said, 'Indeed Allah loves every sorrowful heart and loves every grateful servant.'[al-Kafi, p. 99, no. 30]

21ـ الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنّ اللّهَ يُحِبُّ المُداعِبَ في الجَماعةِ بلا رَفَثٍ ، المتوحِّدَ بالفِكْرَةِ ، المُتَحَلّيَ بالصّبرِ ، المُتَباهيَ بالصَّلاةِ.

21- Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, 'Allah loves the one who is jolly among people without being obscene, is monotheistic in his thought, adorned by patience, and priding himself with the prayer.'[al-Mahasin, v. 1, p. 456, no. 1056]

The People Loved Most by Allah

أحَبُّ النّاسِ إلَى اللّهِ

22ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أحَبُّ عِبادِ اللّهِ إلى اللّهِ أنْفَعُهُم لِعبادِهِ، وأقْوَمُهُم بحقِّهِ، الّذينَ يُحَبَّبُ إلَيهِمُ المَعروفُ وفِعالُهُ .

22- The Prophet (S) said, 'The most beloved of Allah's servants to Him are those that are the most useful to His servants, and the most persistent of them in establishing His right, those who endear virtue

and its practices.'[Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 49]

23- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أحَبُّ العِبادِ إلى اللّهِ عزّ وجلّ رجُلٌ صَدوقٌ في حَديثِهِ ، مُحافِظٌ على صَلَواتِه وما افْتَرَضَ اللّهُ علَيهِ ، مَع أداءِ الأمانَةِ .

23- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'The most beloved of people to Allah, Mighty and Exalted, is a man who is truthful in his speech, careful about his prayer and all that Allah has made obligatory for him, along with returning whatever he is entrusted with.'[Amali al-Saduq, p. 243, no. 8]

The Corollaries of the Love of Allah

مَايَترتّبُ عَلَي مَحَبَّةِ اللّهِ

24- الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إذا أحَبَّ اللّهُ عَبداً أَلْهَمَهُ حُسنَ العِبادَةِ.

24- Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'When Allah loves a servant He inspires him with good acts of devotion.'[Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 4066]

25- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن سَرَّهُ أن يَعلمَ أنَّ اللّهَيُحِبُّهُ فلْيَعْمَلْ بطاعةِ اللّهِ ولْيَتَّبِعْنا ، أَلَمْ يَسْمَعْ قَولَ اللّهِ عزّوجلّ لنَبيّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): «قُلْ إِن كُنتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِى يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ »؟!

25- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Whoever would like to know that Allah loves him must work in the obedience of Allah and follow us. Has he heard not the speech of Allah, Mighty and Exalted, to His Prophet (S): "Say, 'If you love Allah..."?[al-Kafi, v. 8, p. 14, no. 1]

The Status of Man's Position with Allah

ميزانُ المَنزِلَةِ عِندَ اللّهِ

26- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن أرادَ أنْ يَعرِفَ كيفَ مَنزِلَتُهُ عِندَ اللّهِ فلْيَعْرِفْ كيفَ مَنزِلَـةُ اللّهِ عِندَهُ ، فإنَّ اللّهَ يُنزِلُ العَبدَ مِثلَ ما يُنزِلُ العَبدُاللّهَ مِن نَفْسِهِ.

26- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Whoever wants to know the status of his position with Allah must first

find out what status of position Allah holds with him, for Allah places the servant in the same position whereat the servant places Allah with respect to himself.'[Bihar al-Anwar, v. 71, p. 156, no. 74]

The Sign of Man's Love for Allah

عَلاَمَةُ حُبِّ الإنسانِ لِلّهِ

27- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): عَلامَةُ حُبِّ اللّهِ تعالى حُبُّ ذِكرِ اللّهِ ، وعَلامَةُ بُغْضِ اللّهِ تعالى بُغْضُ ذِكرِ اللّهِ عزّ وجلّ .

27- The Prophet (S) said, 'The sign of [man's] love of Allah is the love of the remembrance of Allah, and the sign of [man's] hatred towards Allah is his hatred towards the remembrance of Allah, Mighty and Exalted.'[Kanz al-'Ummal, no. 1776]

28- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) - فيما أوْحى اللّهُ تعالى إلى موسى (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) -: كَذبَ مَن زَعَمَ أنَّهُ يُحِبُّني فإذا جَنَّهُ اللّيلُ نامَ عَنّي، أليسَ كُلُّ مُحِبٍّ يُحِبُّ خَلْوةَ حَبيبِهِ؟!

28- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, regarding what Allah, most High, revealed to Prophet Moses (a.s.), said, 'He lies who claims that he loves Me, yet when the night covers him up he sleeps away from Me [forgetting Me]. Is it not that every lover loves to be alone with his beloved?!'[Amali al-Saduq, p. 292, no. 1]

The Highest Position

المَنزِلَةُ الكُبرى

29- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): قالَ اللّهُ: ما تَحبَّبَ إلَيّ عَبدي بشيءٍ أحَبَّ إلَيَّ ممّا افْتَرَضْتُهُ علَيهِ ،وإنّهُ لَيَتحبَّبُ إلَيَّ بالنّافِلَةِ حتّى أُحِبَّهُ ، فإذا أحْبَبْتُهُ كنتُ سَمْعَهُ الّذي يَسمَعُ بهِ، وبَصرَهُ الّذي يُبصِرُ بهِ ، ولِسانَهُ الّذي يَنْطِقُ بهِ ، ويَدَهُ الّتي يَبْطِشُ بها ، ورِجْلَهُ الّتي يَمشي بها، إذا دَعاني أجَبْتُهُ، وإذا سَألَني أعْطَيتُهُ.

29- The Prophet (S) said, 'Allah, Mighty and Exalted, says, "My servant endears himself to Me with nothing more beloved to Me than what I have made obligatory upon him, and he endears himself to Me through performance of the supererogatory prayers until I love him. Once I love him, I become his hearing with which he hears, his sight with which he sees, his tongue with which he speaks, his hands with which he acts, and his foot with which he walks. When he calls Me I answer him, and when he asks

Me I grant him."[al-Mahasin, v. 1, p. 454, no. 1047]

The Incongruity of the Love of Allah Combined with the Love of the World

عَدَمُ اجتِماعِ حُبِّ اللّهِ وحُبِّ الدُّنيا

30- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): حُبُّ الدُّنيا وحُبُّ اللّهِ لا يَجْتَمِعانِ في قَلبٍ أبداً

30- The Prophet (S) said, 'The love for Allah and the love for the world cannot ever coexist in one heart.'[Tanbih al-Khawatir, v. 2, p. 122]

31- الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): واللّهِ ، ما أحَبَّ اللّهَ مَن أحَبَّ الدُّنيا ووالَى غَيرَنا

31- Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'By Allah, Allah does not love him who loves this world and befriends other than us.'[al-Kafi, v. 8, p. 129, no. 9]

Enjoining the Love of Allah

الحَثُّ عَلى تَحبيبِ اللّهِ

32- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): قالَ اللّهُ عزّ وجلّ لداوودَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أحْبِبْني وحَبِّبْني إلى خَلْقي . قالَ: يا رَبِّ ، نَعَم أنا أُحِبُّكَ ، فكيفَ أُحَبِّبُكَ إلى خَلْقِكَ ؟ قالَ: اذْكُرْ أيادِيَّ عِندَهُم ، فإنَّكَ إذا ذَكَرْتَ لَهُم ذلكَ أحَبّوني.

32- The Prophet (S) said, 'Allah, Mighty and Exalted, said to Prophet David (a.s.), "Love Me and encourage My creatures to love Me." He said, 'My Lord, I do love You, but how can I encourage Your creatures to love You?' Allah said, "Remind them of My blessing and kindness, for if you remind them of that they will love Me."[Qasas al-Anbiya', p. 205, no. 266]

To Love for the Sake of Allah

الحُبُّ فِي اللّهِ

33ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أفْضَلُ الأعْمالِ الحُبُّ في اللّهِ والبُغْضُ في اللّهِ تعالى.

33– The Prophet (S) said, ‘The best of practices is to love for the sake of Allah and to hate for the sake of Allah, most High.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, no. 24638]

34ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) ـ لبعضِ أصحابِهِ ـ: يا عبدَ اللّهِ، أحْبِب في اللّهِ ، وأبغِضْ في اللّهِ، ووالِ في اللّهِ، وعادِ في اللّهِ، فإنَّهُ لا تُنالُ وَلايةُ اللّهِ إلّا بذلكَ، ولا يَجِدُ رَجُلٌ طَعْمَ الإيمانِ ـ وإنْ كَثُرَتْ صَلاتُهُ وصِيامُهُ ـ حتّى يكونَ كذلكَ، وقد صارَتْ مُؤاخاةُ النّاسِ يَومَكُم هذا أكْثَرُها في الدُّنيا ، علَيها يَتَوادّونَ ، وعلَيها يَتَباغَضُونَ.

34– The Prophet (S) said to one of his companions, ‘O servant of Allah! Love for the sake of Allah and hate for the sake of Allah, and befriend for the sake of Allah and contest for the sake of Allah, for Allah’s guardianship is attained only by that, and man will not find the taste of faith — though his prayers and fasting be much — unless he behaves thus. In this present day, the brotherhood and friendship of the people are mainly for the sake of this world; they love each other for its sake and hate each other for its sake.’[‘Ilal al–Shara’i’, p. 140, no. 1]

35ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ما الْتَقى مُؤمِنانِ قَطُّ إلّا كانَ أفْضَلُهُما أشَدَّهُما حُبّاً لأخيهِ.

35– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘No sooner do two believers meet than the better of them is he who loves his brother more.’[al–Mahasin, v. 1, p. 411, no. 937]

36ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): كُلُّ مَن لَم يُحِبَّ على الدّينِ ولَم يُبغِضْ على الدّينِ، فلا دِينَ لَهُ.

36– Imam al–Sadiq (a.s.) said, ‘Every single person who does not love for religion or hate for religion has no religion.’[al–Kafi, v. 2, p. 127, no. 16]

37ـ الإمامُ الجوادُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أوْحى اللّهُ إلى بعضِ الأنبياءِ: أمّا زُهدُكَ في الدُّنيا فَتُعَجِّلُكَ الرّاحَةَ ، وأمّا انْقِطاعُكَ إلَيَّ فيُعَزِّزُكَ بِي ، ولكنْ هَل عادَيْتَ لي عَدُوّا ووالَيْتَ لي وَليّا؟

37– Imam al–Jawad (a.s.) said, ‘Allah revealed to one of the prophets, “Your asceticism in this world hastens your comfort, and your devotion to Me endears you to Me. But did you oppose an enemy [of Mine] for My sake or did you befriend a friend for Me?” [Tuhaf al–’Uqul, no. 455]

The Love of the Prophet (S) and His Household (a.s.)

(حُبُّ النبيّ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) وأهلِ بيتِه (عَلَيهِمُ السّلامُ

38- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): لا يُؤمنُ عَبدٌ حتّى أكونَ أحَبَّ إلَيهِ مِن نَفْسِهِ ، وتَكونَ عِتْرَتي إلَيهِ أعَزَّ مِن عِتْرَتِهِ ، ويكونَ أهْلي أحَبَّ إلَيهِ مِن أهْلِهِ، وتكونَ ذاتي أحَبَّ إلَيهِ مِن ذاتِهِ.

38- The Prophet (S) said, 'Man is not considered a believer until I am dearer to him than his own self, my household dearer to him than his own household, my family dearer to him than his own family, and my being dearer to him than his own being.'['Ilal al-Shara'i', p. 140, no. 3]

39- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أحِبّوا اللّهَ لِما يَغْدوكُم بهِ مِن نِعَمِهِ، وأحِبّوني لِحُبِّ اللّهِ ، وأحِبّوا أهْلَ بَيْتي لِحُبّي.

39- The Prophet (S) said, 'Love Allah for the blessings that He bestows on you every morning; love me because of the love of Allah; and love my household because of love for me.'['Ilal al-Shara'i',]

40- قالَ رسولُ اللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): مَن أحَبَّنا أهلَ البيتِ فلْيَحْمَدِ اللّهَ على أوَّلِ النِّعَمِ. قلت: وما أولى النِّعَمِ؟ قالَ: طِيبُ الوِلادَةِ، ولا يُحِبُّنا إلّا مَن طابَتْ وِلادَتُهُ .

40- The Prophet (S) said, 'He who loves us, the holy household, let him praise Allah for the first blessing.' He was asked, 'What is the first blessing?' to which he replied, 'Legitimate birth, for only he loves us whose birth [i.e. conception] is legitimate.'[Mishkat al-Anwar, no. 81]

41- عن الحارِثِ الهَمْداني: أتيتُأميرَالمؤمِنينَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ذاتَ يَومٍ نصفَ النَّهارِ، فقالَ: ما جاءَ بكَ؟

قلتُ: حُبُّكَ واللّهِ . قالَ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنْ كنتَ صادِقاً لَتراني في ثَلاثةِ مَواطِنَ: حَيثُ تَبْلُغُ نَفْسُكَ هذهِ - وأوْمَأ بيدِهِ إلى حَنْجَرَتِهِ - وعِند الصِّراطِ، وعِند الحَوضِ.

41- It is narrated in al-Da'awat on the authority of al-Harith al-Hamdani, 'One day I went to visit the Commander of the Faithful (a.s.) at noon. He asked, 'What has brought you here?' I answered, 'By Allah, it is love for you.' He said, 'If you are truthful, you will see me at three positions: when your soul comes to this – and then he pointed to his throat –, on the Bridge [outstretched over Hell], and at the Heavenly Waters.'[al-Daaawat, p. 249, no. 699]

42- الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) - في قولِهِ تعالى: «فَقَدِاسْتَمْسَكَ بِالعُرْوَةِ الوُثْقَى»-: مَودَّتُنا أهلَ البَيتِ.

42- Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, regarding the verse of Allah, most High: ***"He has held fast to the firmest handle"*** [***Qur'an 2:256***], said, 'It is love for us, the Prophet's household (ahl al-bayt).'[Nur al-Thaqalayn,

v. 1, p. 263, no. 1054]

The Conditions for Loving the Household

(ما يُشتَرَطُ في حُبِّ أهلِ البَيتِ (عَلَيهِمُ السّلامُ

43، ـ الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): واللّهِ ، ما مَعنا مِن اللّهِ بَراءةٌ ، ولابَيْنَنا وبَينَ اللّهِ قَرابَةٌ، ولا لَنا على اللّهِ حُجَّةٌ ولانَتَقرَّبُ إلى اللّهِ إلّا بالطّاعَةِ، فمَن كانَ مِنكُم مُطيعاً للّهِ تَنْفَعُهُ ولايَتُنا ، ومَن كانَ مِنكُم عاصياً للّهِ لَم تَنْفَعْهُ وَلايَتُنا . ويْحَكُم لا تَغْتَرّوا! ويْحَكُم لاتَغْتَرّوا!

43– Imam al–Baqir (a.s.) said, ‘By Allah, we have no acquittance from Allah, nor is there kinship between Allah and us, nor do we possess a [special] argument against Allah, nor do we attain proximity to Allah except through His obedience. So whosoever from among you is obedient to Allah, our friendship will benefit him, and whosoever from among you is disobedient to Allah, our friendship will be of no use to him. Woe unto you, do not be deceived! Woe unto you, do not be deceived!’[Wasa’il al–Shi’ah, v. 11, p. 185, no. 4]

Ordeals to Secure Love

البَلاءُ لِلوِلاءِ

44ـ الإمام عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): الإمامُ عليٌّ عليه‌السلام: لَو أحَبَّني جَبلٌ لَتَهافَتَ . .

44– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘If a mountain were to love me, it would crumble.’[Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 111]

45– الإمامُ الباقرُ عليه‌السلام إذ جاءهُ رجُلٌ فقالَ: واللّه ، إنّي لأُحِبُّكُم أهلَ البَيتِ : فاتَّخِذْ للبَلاء جِلْبابا ؛ فواللّه إنَّهُ لَأسْرَعُ إلَينا وإلى شِيعَتِنا مِن السَّيلِ في الوادي ، وبِنا يَبْدأ البَلاءُ ثُمَّ بِكُم ، وبِنا يَبْدأ الرَّخاءُ ثُمَّ بِكُم .

45– Imam al–Baqir (a.s.), when a man came to him saying, ‘By Allah, I love you O Household of the Prophet’, replied, ‘Then wear the garment of tribulation, for by Allah it overcomes us and our followers faster than the flood in the valley. Tribulation begins with us and then you, and prosperity too starts with us and then you.’[Amali al–Tusi, p. 154, no. 255]

Man is with Whom He Loves

المَرءُ مَعَ مَن أحَبَّ

46- رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): المَرءُ مَعَ مَن أحَبَّ

46– The Prophet (S) said, ‘Man is with him whom he loves.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, nos. 24684–24685]

47- سألَ رجُلٌ رسولَ اللّهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ) عنِالسّاعةِ، فقالَ: ما أعْدَدْتَ لَها؟ قالَ: ما أعْدَدْتُ لَها كبيراً، إلّا أنّي أُحِبُّ اللّهَ ورسولَهُ. قالَ: فأنتَ مَع مَن أحْبَبْتَ .

47– A man asked the Prophet (S) about the Final Hour, to whom he asked in turn, ‘What have you done to prepare for it?’ The man replied, ‘I have not prepared much for it, but I do love Allah and His Messenger.’ The Prophet said, ‘Then you will be with whom you love.’[Kanz al–’Ummal, no. 25553]

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